

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-5 and 11-50 have been allowed and that Claims 9-10 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. To expedite issuance, the Applicant has amended independent ~~Claim~~ 6 and dependent ~~Claim~~ 10 to place the application in condition for allowance. Additionally, ~~Claim~~ 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No other claims have been amended, canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-8 and 10-50 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,732,107 to Phillips, *et al.* The Applicant has avoided this ground of rejection since independent Claim 6 has been amended to render the §102(b) rejection moot. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 6-8 and allow issuance thereof.

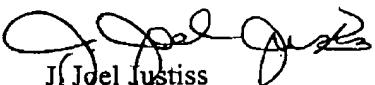
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-8 and 10-50.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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